

Texas A&M University – Online Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security

Texas A&M University, George Bush School of Government and Public Service, delivers a Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security. The program, offered only via distance learning, provides graduate education opportunities to homeland security professionals and future leaders in a flexible format that accommodates student needs. The program course work gives students a broad understanding of homeland security issues, policies and strategies at the national level with an in-depth analysis of key security issues affecting federal, state, and local government, as well as private business.

The online graduate Certificate in Homeland Security offers 10 courses (plus occasional special electives) for a total of more than 30 graduate hours. The certificate program requires that students take five of those course; 15 graduate credit hours will be awarded. To receive the certificate, students must complete:

- One required three-credit HLS Fundamentals course (BUSH 565-701),
- Three elective courses (three credits each, nine credits total) from the eight+ offered, and
- One required three-credit hour independent research capstone project.

The fundamentals course provides seminal readings in the discipline, the electives allow students to tailor the program to their needs, and the capstone research project pairs the student with a professor-mentor for a guided in-depth analysis of a specific area of interest. Classes, which include recorded lectures with slides, weekly discussion board discussions, and on-line seminars with the professors, follow the Texas A&M semester calendar, but the web-based format allows students flexibility week-to-week. Readings and lectures are augmented by multiple innovative audiovisual resources, to include a library of applicable movies and documentaries, and more than 400 interviews with homeland security leaders nationwide.

Core list of courses (R= required course for those just entering the program, E= elective, C= capstone required during student's last semester):

Most courses are offered every semester:

- Homeland Security Fundamentals (R)
- Cyber Security for Managers (E)
- State and Local Government & Homeland Security (E)
- Terrorism in Today's World (E)
- WMD Response & Recovery (E)
- Emergency Management and Homeland Security (E)
- Business & Homeland Security (E)
- Critical Infrastructure Protection (E)
- Department of Defense, HLS, and Homeland Defense (E)
- Capstone Independent Research Study (C)

More information, including course descriptions, costs, and application forms, are available on the Bush School web site. Texas A&M University is granted accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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